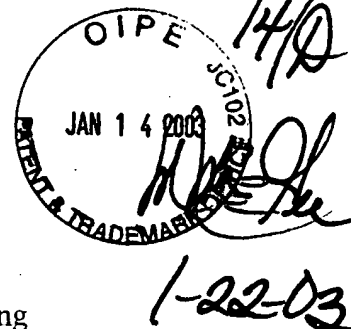


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the receipt of an office action in the continuing application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended). A method comprising:
(1) { positioning a plurality of wireless tags around a facility;
providing a sensor associated with a tag, said sensor to sense the tags to
determine the position of a user in the facility; user
(2) { wirelessly linking a plurality of shopping carts within a retail facility through a
local area network based in the retail facility; and
enabling the carts to communicate with one another through the network.

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